

**We claim:**

1. A wild game call comprising:
  - a box having a base attached to substantially vertical sidewalls, the sidewalls forming an opening;
  - a striking plate comprising at least one friction material and having a main body which forms the top of the box, the striking plate comprised of at least one friction material and having a top striking surface, a main body which is substantially coextensive with the sidewalls, and a protruding portion having a top surface and a bottom surface which is adjacent to, and which extends over and beyond, the opening.
2. The wild game call of claim 1, wherein the bottom surface of the protruding portion is a striking surface.
3. The wild game call of claim 1, wherein the thickness of the striking plate varies over the length of the plate.
4. The wild game call of claim 3, wherein the thickest portion of the striking plate is adjacent the sidewall opening.
5. The wild game call of claim 4, wherein the thickness of the protruding portion of the striking plate narrows gradually to form a thin unsecured end.
6. The wild game call of claim 2, wherein the striking plate is comprised of a plurality of friction materials.
7. The wild game call of claim 6, wherein the plurality of friction materials are arranged such that one friction material provides the entire striking top striking surface.
8. The wild game call of claim 6, wherein the plurality of friction materials are arranged such that each friction material provides at least a portion of the top striking surface.
9. The wild game call of claim 1, wherein the striking plate is further comprised of at least one hollow or semi-hollow structure which extends along at least a portion of the length of the striking plate.

10. The wild game call of claim 9, wherein the at least one structure comprises at least one groove in the bottom surface of the striking plate.
11. The wild game call of claim 10, wherein the shape of the at least one groove is selected from the group consisting of: rectangular, v-shaped, and rounded.
12. The wild game call of claim 9, wherein the at least one structure is comprised of channels in the striking plate.
13. The wild game call of claim 12, wherein the shape of the at least one channel is selected from the group consisting of: triangular prism, rectangular prism, and cylinder.
14. The wild game call of claim 9, wherein the at least one channel is entirely enclosed within the striking plate.
15. The wild game call of claim 9, wherein the at least one channel is comprised of at least one open end.
16. The wild game call of claim 6, wherein the plurality of friction materials are arranged such that one friction material provides the entire striking bottom striking surface.
17. The wild game call of claim 6, wherein the plurality of friction materials are arranged such that each friction material provides at least a portion of the bottom striking surface.
18. The wild game call of claim 1, wherein an aperture is present within a sidewall.
19. The wild game call of claim 1, wherein a material selected from the group consisting of galvanized steel, sand, weather resistant thermoplastic, and combinations thereof is embedded in the striking plate.